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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 31, with the following amended paragraph:

The present invention relates to a method for separating sugars, sugar alcohols and other carbohydrate compounds from a solution containing at least two of them by a method using chromatographic separation comprising at least one step where a weakly basic anion exchange resin is used for the chromatographic separation. The solution to be separated chromatographically contains monosaccharides, disaccharides, trisaccharides, oligosaccharides, corresponding sugar alcohols, polyols and mixtures thereof. The monosaccharides are for example pentose, hexose, tetrose monosaccharides, deoxyhexose, deoxypentose and anhydroalditols. The disaccharides are for example tetrose, pentose or hexose disaccharides. The sugar alcohols and polyols are for example xylitol, erythritol, inositol, mannitol and glycerol. Preferably the weakly basic anion exchange resin is used for separating xylose, arabinose, rhamnose, glycerol, inositol and betaine. Preferably the weakly basic anion exchange resin is used for separating inositol and glycerol from betaine.

Please replace the paragraph at page 5, beginning on line 20, with the following amended paragraph:

The sugars to be separated are preferably selected from the group consisting of monosaccharides, disaccharides, trisaccharides and oligosaccharides. The monosaccharides are for example pentose, hexose, tetrose monosaccharides, deoxyhexose, deoxypentose and anhydroalditols. The disaccharides are for example tetrose, pentose or hexose disaccharides. The sugar alcohols to be separated are preferably selected from a group consisting of xylitol, erythritol and inositol. The other carbohydrates to be separated are for example polyols, such as glycerol. Preferably the weakly basic anion exchange resin is used for separating xylose, arabinose, rhamnose, glycerol, inositol and betaine. Preferably the weakly basic anion exchange resin is also used for separating inositol and glycerol from betaine.